

amount of reimbursement that may be retroactively approved for actual and necessary subsistence expenses for official travel to Cartersville (Bartow County), Georgia, during the period July 17 through August 5, 1996. The attached GSA Bulletin FTR 19, Supplement 2 is issued to inform agencies of the establishment of this special actual subsistence expense ceiling.

Dated: November 27, 1996.

G. Martin Wagner,  
Associate Administrator, Office of  
Governmentwide Policy.

#### Attachment

November 27, 1996

[GSA Bulletin FTR 19, Supplement 2]

TO: Heads of Federal agencies

SUBJECT: Reimbursement of higher actual subsistence expenses for official travel to per diem localities impacted by the 1996 Atlanta, Georgia, Olympic Games

1. *Purpose.* This supplement informs agencies of an additional location subject to a special actual subsistence expense ceiling for official travel to Cartersville (Bartow County), Georgia, due to the escalation of lodging rates during the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games. Special actual subsistence expense ceilings were previously established for several areas in the States of Georgia and Tennessee due to the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games (see GSA Bulletin FTR 19 (61 FR 28211, June 4, 1996) and GSA Bulletin FTR 19, Supplement 1 (61 FR 36731, July 12, 1996)). These special rates apply to claims for reimbursement covering travel during periods as specified.

2. *Background.* The Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) (41 CFR chapters 301–304) part 301–8 permits the Administrator of General Services to establish a higher maximum daily rate for the reimbursement of actual subsistence expenses of Federal employees on official travel to an area within the continental United States. The head of an agency may request establishment of such a rate when special or unusual circumstances result in an extreme increase in subsistence costs for a temporary period. The Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Justice, and Transportation requested establishment of such rates for areas in the States of Georgia and Tennessee to accommodate employees who performed temporary duty there and experienced a temporary but significant increase in lodging costs due to the escalation of lodging rates during the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games. These circumstances justify the need for

higher subsistence expense reimbursement during the designated periods.

3. *Maximum rate and effective date.* The Administrator of General Services, pursuant to 41 CFR 301–8.3(c), has increased the maximum daily amount of reimbursement that may be retroactively approved for actual and necessary subsistence expenses for official travel to Cartersville (Bartow County), Georgia, during the period July 17 through August 5, 1996. Agencies may retroactively approve actual subsistence expense reimbursement not to exceed \$126 (\$100 maximum for lodging and a \$26 meals and incidental expenses allowance) for official travel to Cartersville during this time period.

4. *Expiration date.* This bulletin expires for administrative tracking purposes on March 31, 1997.

5. *For further information contact.* Jane E. Groat, General Services Administration, Office of Governmentwide Policy (MTT), Washington, DC 20405, telephone 202–501–1538.

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#### [GSA Bulletin FTR 23]

#### **Federal Travel Regulation; Reimbursement of Higher Actual Subsistence Expenses for Official Travel to Per Diem Localities Impacted by the Hurricane Fran Disaster in Greensboro and Wilmington, North Carolina**

AGENCY: Office of Governmentwide Policy, GSA.

ACTION: Notice of bulletin.

**SUMMARY:** The attached bulletin informs agencies of the establishment of a special actual subsistence expense ceiling for official travel to Greensboro (Guilford County) and Wilmington (New Hanover County), North Carolina, due to the escalation of lodging rates caused by the Hurricane Fran disaster. These special rates apply to claims for reimbursement covering travel during the period September 6 through October 5, 1996.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** These special rates are applicable to claims for reimbursement covering travel to Greensboro and Wilmington during the period September 6 through October 5, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jane E. Groat, General Services Administration, Travel and Transportation Management Policy Division (MTT), Washington, DC 20405, telephone 202–501–1538.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Administrator of General Services, pursuant to 41 CFR 301–8.3(c) and at the request of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, increased the maximum daily amount of reimbursement that agencies may approve for actual and necessary subsistence expenses for official travel to certain North Carolina areas impacted by the recent Hurricane Fran. Presidentially declared disaster. The attached GSA Bulletin FTR 23 is issued to inform agencies of the establishment of these special actual subsistence expense ceilings.

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G. Martin Wagner,  
Associate Administrator, Office of  
Governmentwide Policy.

#### Attachment

November 27, 1996

[GSA Bulletin FTR 23]

TO: Heads of Federal agencies

SUBJECT: Reimbursement of higher actual subsistence expenses for official travel to per diem localities impacted by the Hurricane Fran disaster in Greensboro and Wilmington, North Carolina

1. *Purpose.* This bulletin informs agencies of the establishment of a special actual subsistence expense ceiling for official travel to Greensboro (Guilford County) and Wilmington (New Hanover County), North Carolina, due to the escalation of lodging rates caused by the Hurricane Fran disaster. These special rates apply to claims for reimbursement covering travel during the period September 6 through October 5, 1996.

2. *Background.* The Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) (41 CFR chapters 301–304) part 301–8 permits the Administrator of General Services to establish a higher maximum daily rate for the reimbursement of actual subsistence expenses of Federal employees on official travel to an area within the continental United States. The head of an agency may request establishment of such a rate when special or unusual circumstances result in an extreme increase in subsistence costs for a temporary period. The Federal Emergency Management Agency requested establishment of such a rate for areas located in the State of North Carolina impacted by the Hurricane Fran. Presidentially declared disaster to accommodate employees who perform temporary duty there and experience a temporary but significant increase in lodging costs due to the escalation of lodging rates. These circumstances

justify the need for higher subsistence expense reimbursement for Greensboro and Wilmington during the designated period.

3. *Maximum rate and effective date.* The Administrator of General Services, pursuant to 41 CFR 301-8.3(c), has increased the maximum daily amount of reimbursement that may be approved for actual and necessary subsistence expenses for official travel to Greensboro (Guilford County) and Wilmington (New Hanover County), North Carolina, for travel during the period September 6 through October 5, 1996. Agencies may retroactively approve actual subsistence expense reimbursement for Federal employee travel not to exceed \$153 (\$123 maximum for lodging and a \$30 allowance for meals and incidental expenses (M&IE)) to Greensboro (Guilford County), North Carolina, and \$157 (\$127 maximum for lodging and a \$30 allowance for M&IE) to Wilmington (New Hanover County), North Carolina, during this time period.

4. *Expiration date.* This bulletin expires for administrative tracking purposes on March 31, 1997.

5. *For further information contact.* Jane E. Groat, General Services Administration, Office of Governmentwide Policy (MTT), Washington, DC 20405, telephone 202-501-1538.

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#### [GSA Bulletin FTR 24]

#### **Federal Travel Regulation; Reimbursement of Higher Actual Subsistence Expenses for Official Travel to Burlington, Vermont**

**AGENCY:** Office of Governmentwide Policy, GSA.

**ACTION:** Notice of bulletin.

**SUMMARY:** The attached bulletin informs agencies of the establishment of a special actual subsistence expense ceiling for official travel to Burlington (Chittenden County), Vermont, due to the escalation of lodging rates during Vermont's peak fall foliage season. This special rate applies to claims for reimbursement covering travel during the period October 2 and 3, 1996.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This special rate is applicable to claims for reimbursement covering travel to Burlington during the period October 2 and 3, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jane E. Groat, General Services Administration, Office of Governmentwide Policy (MTT),

Washington, DC 20405, telephone 202-501-1538.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Administrator of General Services, pursuant to 41 CFR 301-8.3(c) and at the request of the Department of the Treasury, has increased the maximum daily amount of reimbursement that may be approved for actual and necessary subsistence expenses for official travel to Burlington, Vermont during the period October 2 and 3, 1996. The attached GSA Bulletin FTR 24 is issued to inform agencies of the establishment of this special actual subsistence expense ceiling.

Dated: November 27, 1996.

G. Martin Wagner,  
*Associate Administrator, Office of  
Governmentwide Policy.*

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November 27, 1996

[GSA Bulletin FTR 24]

TO: Heads of Federal agencies  
SUBJECT: Reimbursement of higher  
actual subsistence expenses for  
official travel to Burlington  
(Chittenden County), Vermont

1. *Purpose.* This bulletin informs agencies of the establishment of a special actual subsistence expense ceiling for official travel to Burlington (Chittenden County), Vermont, due to the escalation of lodging rates during Vermont's peak fall foliage season. This special rate applies to claims for reimbursement covering travel during the period October 2 and 3, 1996.

2. *Background.* The Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) (41 CFR chapters 301-304) part 301-8 permits the Administrator of General Services to establish a higher maximum daily rate for the reimbursement of actual subsistence expenses of Federal employees on official travel to an area within the continental United States. The head of an agency may request establishment of such a rate when special or unusual circumstances result in an extreme increase in subsistence costs for a temporary period. The Department of the Treasury requested establishment of such a rate for Burlington to accommodate employees who perform temporary duty there and experience a temporary but significant increase in lodging costs due to the escalation of lodging rates. These circumstances justify the need for higher subsistence expense reimbursement for Burlington during the designated period.

3. *Maximum rate and effective date.* The Administrator of General Services, pursuant to 41 CFR 301-8.3(c), has

increased the maximum daily amount of reimbursement that may be approved for actual and necessary subsistence expenses for official travel to Burlington (Chittenden County), Vermont, for travel during the period October 2 and 3, 1996. Agencies may retroactively approve actual subsistence expense reimbursement for Federal employee travel not to exceed \$159 (\$129 maximum for lodging which includes the tax and a \$30 allowance for meals and incidental expenses) to Burlington, Vermont, during this time period.

4. *Expiration date.* This bulletin expires for administrative tracking purposes on March 31, 1997.

5. *For further information contact.* Jane E. Groat, General Services Administration, Office of Governmentwide Policy (MTT), Washington, DC 20405, telephone 202-501-1538.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

#### **Agency for Health Care Policy and Research**

#### **Notice of Health Care Policy and Research; Special Emphasis Panel Meeting**

In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), announcement is made of the following special emphasis panel scheduled to meet during the month of December 1996:

*Name:* Health Care Policy and Research Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date and Time:* December 20, 1996, 10:00 a.m.

*Place:* Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, 2101 E. Jefferson Street, Suite 400, Rockville, MD 20852.

Open December 20, 1996, 10:00 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.

Closed for remainder of meeting.

*Purpose:* This Panel is charged with conducting the initial review of grant applications proposing analytical and theoretical research on costs, quality, access, and efficiency of the delivery of health services for the research grant program administered by the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR).

*Agenda:* The open session of the meeting on December 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:10 a.m., will be devoted to a business meeting covering administrative matters. During the closed session, the panel will be reviewing and discussing grant